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IN THE TITLE

Please replace the original title with the following amended title:

-- Method and apparatus for authenticating a shipping transaction --

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph begins line 16 of page 15 and ends line 25 of page 15 as follows:

A list of delivery addresses is stored into the device with encrypted fingerprint checksum (encrypted with customer biometric (fingerprint) and company public key) of each receiver, if owned. During the delivery process, the delivery person asks the customer to place his/her finger on the smartcard reader device and, once authenticated, biometric data act as a private key to decrypt the encrypted fingerprint checksum the device delivers a serial with agreed or refusal delivery. If the receiver has not been entered into the shipping company database, the fingerprint ID and other information are nevertheless stored so that may be uploaded and preferably encrypted into the database for future shipping control.

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